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| For: | IMPLANTS AND RELATED METHODS AND |) |
| | APPARATUS FOR SECURING AN IMPLANT |) |
| | ON AN ARTICULATING SURFACE OF AN |) |
| | ORTHOPEDIC JOINT |) |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated July 16, 2007, in the above-identified patent application be extended for one-month until September 16, 2007.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 17th day of August 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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